confine said melt-flowable composition to said desired area of said surface; and

- (c) allowing said [laminate] <u>article</u> to cool while substantially retaining said pre-selected surface topography of said film.
- 15. (Amended) A method according to claim 14 wherein said [partially cured] thermosetting composition comprises a B-staged epoxy-polyester blend.
- 25. (Amended) A method according to claim 6 comprising placing said [laminate] <u>article</u> on the surface of a metal joint of a vehicle and heating said [laminate] <u>article</u> to seal said joint.
- 26. (Amended) A method according to claim 6 comprising placing said [laminate] <u>article</u> on the surface of a roof ditch of a vehicle and heating said [laminate] <u>article</u> to seal said roof ditch.
- 28. (Amended) A method for modifying the surface of a substrate comprising the steps of:
- (a) placing on said surface [a laminate] <u>an article</u> comprising (i) a melt-flowable composition comprising a semicrystalline, thermosetting epoxy-polyester blend and (ii) a dimensionally stable film for controlling the melt-flow behavior of said melt-flowable composition, such that said melt-flowable composition contacts said surface,

said film comprising an oriented polyester film having a substantially smooth surface topography;





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(b) heating said [laminate] <u>article</u> to cause said melt-flowable composition to flow [over] and substantially cover a desired area of said surface to adhere said [laminate] <u>article</u> to said surface,

said dimensionally stable film exhibiting a downweb and crossweb shrinkage of less than about 5% and controlling the melt-flow behavior of said melt-flowable composition to substantially confine said melt-flowable composition to said desired area of said surface; and

- (c) allowing said [laminate] <u>article</u> to cool while substantially retaining said substantially smooth surface topography of said film.
- 29. (Amended) A method for modifying the surface of a substrate comprising the steps of:
- (a) placing on said surface [a laminate] an article comprising (i) a melt-flowable composition and (ii) a dimensionally stable film for controlling the melt-flow behavior of said melt-flowable composition, such that said melt-flowable composition contacts said surface,

said film comprising a substantially smooth, paintreceptive surface comprising a thermosetting epoxy-polyester blend;

(b) heating said [laminate] <u>article</u> to cause said melt-flowable composition to flow [over] and substantially cover a desired area of said surface to adhere said [laminate] <u>article</u> to said surface,